

JOHN DELL
AUSTRALIAN NATURAL HISTORY MEDALLIONIST 1988



It is with great pleasure and delight that we congratulate John Dell for being the recipient of the Australian natural History Medallion in this the Bicentennial year. The Medallion is awarded for "increasing popular or scientific knowledge of the Australian flora and fauna".

John was presented with the Medallion in Melbourne on Monday 14 November 1988 by Associate Professor A.K. Lee of Monash University. After the presentation, held in the Royal Society of Victoria Building, John gave an illustrated address entitled 'Fauna surveys in arid and tropical Western Australia'.

John's nomination by this Club to the Medallion Committee of the Field Naturalists' Club of Victoria was for his outstanding dedication and commitment to natural history. He has served two terms as President of this Club as well as being a member of Council for over two decades.

As a biologist with the Dept. of Biogeography and Ecology at the W.A. Museum John has organised and participated in biological surveys in several parts of the State which have revealed several species new to science. His scientific publications have been recognised internationally.

John has always given unstintingly of his time to increase the knowledge and awareness of the State's Natural History. He has been instrumental in the preparation of conservation reports, in the organisation of wildlife shows, photographic competitions as well as leading Club excursions. John has always made himself available to encourage and guide naturalists in their studies.

Since the Medallion's inception in 1940 John is the sixth Western Australian to receive this prestigious award. Coincidentally, all previous recipients have been Club members and include Ludwig Glauert (1948), Dr Dominic Serventy (1956), Charles Gardner (1969), Vincent Serventy (1974) and Kevin Kenneally (1984).

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